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LA Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Re: Public Solicitation of Water Quality Data and Information for 2008 Integrated Report – List of Impaired Waters and Surface Water Quality Assessment

Dear Ms. Neiter:

On behalf of Heal the Bay, we submit the attached datasets for your review in developing the 2008 List of Impaired Waters or the "303(d) List."

The datasets were compiled from various sources throughout Region 4. The beach indicator bacteria data extends throughout California. Each of the datasets is given a unique number for identification purposes. This identification number is included in the summary table, the file detail information, the electronic file name and the hard copies of data.

In our cursory analysis, these data potentially show numerous water quality impairments. For instance, the State may determine that numerous additional beaches should be listed as impaired by fecal indicator bacteria; the Malibu Creek watershed, Calleguas Creek and numerous tributaries should be listed as impaired for biological communities based on their IBI; Malibu Creek Watershed, Piru Creek, and other creeks and lakes should be listed for numerous exotic species – the New Zealand Mudsail is causing enormous ecologic harm; Santa Monica and San Pedro Bays should be listed for fish tissue impairments; Calleguas Creek should be listed for excess algal impairments; and Calleguas Creek may need additional listings for numerous water quality parameters including pesticides.

If you have any questions or require any additional information to accompany the datasets, please contact us at (310) 451-1500.

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